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SUBJECT: HABIB TALK WITH SHAW

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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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FOR CHARGE FROM HABIB

1. I HAD LONG TALK WITH SIR PATRICK SHAW FEBRUARY 13. I  
RAISED WITH SHAW RECENT WHITLAM STATEMENTS ON VIET-NAM  
AS YOU SUGGESTED. I REMINDED SHAW THAT VIET-NAM IS NOT AN  
ISSUE OF DIRECT INTEREST TO AUSTRALIA IN SAME SENSE IT IS  
TO US, AND WE COULD PERCEIVE NO REASON FOR WHITLAM TO MAKE  
STATEMENTS SUCH AS HE HAS RECENTLY RENDERED. IT APPEARED  
WHITLAM IS MAKING HIS JUDGMENTS WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING OF  
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FACTUAL BACKGROUND OF SITUATION, AND I URGED HIM TO

SUGGEST TO RENOUF THAT WHITLAM BE PROPERLY BRIEFED ON

VIET-NAM. I NOTED THAT WE PROVIDE EXTENSIVE INTELLIGENCE AND OTHER BRIEFING MATERIAL TO AUSTRALIANS AND IT SHOULD BE USED TO KEEP WHITLAM BETTER INFORMED. SHAW STATED HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE WE WOULD NOT ALLOW WHITLAM POSITION ON VIET-NAM TO AGAIN INTRUDE ON GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO OMEGA, SHAW SIMPLY NOTED SENATOR WHITTEN, AT RECENT ALP CONFERENCE, WAS VERY EXTREME ON ISSUE AND GOT DISCUSSION OFF ON WRONG TRACK. RE NPW VISITS, I OUTLINED OUR POSITION. SHAW LISTENED, BUT INDICATED HE WAS UNABLE TO COMMENT AT THIS POINT.

3. I SOUGHT SHAW'S JUDGMENT ON HEW SECRETARY CAP WEINBERGER AS POSSIBLE US REP TO CORAL SEA CELEBRATIONS. SHAW INDICATED HE THOUGHT WEINBERGER WOULD BE EXCELLENT CHOICE. (FOLLOWING DAY WE ADVISED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY THAT WEINBERGER WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ATTENDING CORAL SEA COMMEMORATION, AND WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO PARTICIPATE.)  
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END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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